Nov 17. 1837

Miss Mary S. Parker,

Dear Madam,

As President of the Boston Female Anti Slavery Society, may I request you to say to the Society at the next meeting, that it is my wish to be excused from serving as foreign Corresponding Secretary as was voted at the annual meeting.

I do not ask this as wishing to avoid labour, but because I do not feel I ought to retain an office which was laid upon me under the idea that I should be able to give unanimous satisfaction in discharging its duties. In the hope of laboring as a member of the society, till it shall expire with the occasion that called it into existence, or (if not permitted by providence to do so) as long as I live, I am yours faithfully for the Slave

Maria W. Chapman